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civilian employees of the War Department, to be held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 4.45 o'clock, in the auditorium of the Department of the Interior building. All civilian employees of the War Department are cordially invited to attend. The following is a partial list of the lecturers and their subjects:

Thursday, April 25. "Cancer, its prevention," by Major William J. Mayo, Medical Reserve Corps, United States Army, Surgeon General's Office, Rochester, Minn.

Tuesday, April 30. "Part to be taken by women in modern sanitation," by Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Welch, Medical Corps, National Army, Johns Hopkins University.

Thursday, May 2. "Practical information for the care of the eye," by Major G. E. De Schweinitz, Medical Reserve Corps, University of Pennsylvania.

Tuesday, May 7. "Care of the foot and its proper covering," by Lieutenant Colonel E. G. Brackett, Medical Corps, National Army, Harvard University.

Thursday, May 9. "The activities of women during the present war," by Miss Annie Goodrich, Surgeon General's Office, Teachers' College, Columbia University.

Tuesday, May 14. "Focal infection in relation to general diseases," by Lieutenant Colonel Frank Billings, Medical Corps, National Army, Chicago University.

Thursday, May 16. "Food, dietetics and nutrition," by Major John R. Murlin, Sanitary Corps, National Army, Cornell University.

Tuesday, May 21. "Posture in its relation to human efficiency," by Miss M. Sanderson, department of physical reconstruction (superintendent, Boston School of Physical Education).

Thursday, May 23. "Typhoid fever and its prevention," by Colonel F. F. Russell, Medical Corps, Laboratory Division, Surgeon General's Office.

Tuesday, May 28. "Our hospital facilities and requirements," by Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Smith, Medical Corps, National Army, Surgeon General's Office, Johns Hopkins University.

Thursday, May 30. "Hygiene of the mouth," by Major Leonard G. Mitchell, Medical Reserve Corps, Surgeon General's Office.

Tuesday, June 4. "Social hygiene," by Kate B. Karpeles, Surgeon General's Office, Acting Assistant Surgeon, United States Army. (This lecture for women only.)

Thursday, June 6. "Care of the skin" (clothing, bathing, exercise), by Dr. William A. Pusey, Surgeon General's Office.

RESEARCH GRANTS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

THE committee on grants of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, by a practically unanimous vote, recommends the following appropriations:

\$300, to Mr. William Tyler Olcott, secretary, American Association of Variable Star Observers, 62 Church Street, Norwich, Connecticut, for the purchase of a telescope of 5-inch aperture.

\$250, to Professor A. E. Douglass, of the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, for the length of record of tree growth of the Sequoias from about 2,200 to 3,000 years.

\$500, to Professor Carl H. Eigenmann, of Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, for the study of the fresh-water fishes of South America.

\$500, to Professor Edwin B. Frost, of Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, Wisconsin, for measurement and reduction of photographs of stellar spectra, already taken with the 40-inch telescope.

\$200, to Dr. R. A. Porter, of the University of Syracuse, Syracuse, New York, for explanation of the hysteresis which has been observed in the potential gradients of the calcium-cathode vacuum tube.

\$200, to Professor E. W. Sinnott, of The Connecticut Agricultural College, Storrs, Connecticut, for experiments to determine the ratio (in dry weight) between root, stem, leaf and fruit in the bean plant.

\$500, to Professor O. F. Stafford, of the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, for research on the distillation of wood.

\$200, to Professor Herman L. Fairchild, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, for the continuation and completion of his studies on the Post-Glacial continental uplift in New England and the Maritime provinces of Canada.

\$250, to Professor S. D. Townley, secretary, Seismological Society of America, Stanford University, California, for the investigation of earthquake phenomena.

E. C. PICKERING,
Chairman of Committee on Grants

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

THE National Academy of Sciences held its annual meeting April 22-24, 1918, at the